ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Hickory Grove Church, Montgomery, Co., Ala.,

October 11, 12 13 and 14, 1889.

OFFICERS:

F. C. PLASTER, MODERATOR.....Ft. Deposit, Ala.
J. C. FONVILLE, CLERK.....Mt. Carmel, "
C. C. LLOYD, TREASURER.....Greenville, "

The next session will be held with Bethel Church, Ft. Deposit, Lowndes County, Ala., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1890. Introductory Sermon by T. E. Morgan; Missionary Sermon by W. C. Avant.

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MINUTES.

HICKORY GROVE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALA.,
FRIDAY, October 11, 1889.

The delegates from the churches composing the Alabama Baptist Association met with the church at Hickory Grove. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, F. C. Plaster.

Bro. Plaster preached the introductory sermon.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

1:30 P. M. The letters from the churches were read, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Rutledge—M. W. Rushton, W. Swarner, J. T. Helms.
Siloam—J. E. Kolb, S. W. Capps, E. Kolb.
Damascus—J. Kierce, J. E. Rhodes, J. Phelps.
Union—J. W. Holloway, J. W. Massey, J. G. Wells.
Chapel Hill—W. H. Hill, T. T. Dobbs, W. H. Rogers.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Spring Creek—J. H. Staggers, J. A. Stringer, J. B. Taylor.
Mountain Hill—J. M. Stephens, R T. Poole, B. Mason.
Hickory Grove—W. P. McQueen, D. S. Hurst, J. C. Fonville.
Macedonia—F. E. May, J. E. Roper, T. Ellis.
New Ebenezer—G. Vickery, Jeff Cook, C. C. Mothershead.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Steep Creek—G. W. McQueen, S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock.
Lowndesboro—R. Meadows, G. S. Anderson.
Hopewell—J. L Hinson, A. A. Bargainer, G. W. Coker.
Hayneville—J. T. Varner, G. S. Anderson.
New Bethel—James Hagood, J. N. Strickland.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Bethel—G. S. Anderson, F. C. Plaster, R. M. Burt, A. F. Goldsmith, J. J. Pipkin, J. M. McIver, H. R. Goldson, S. S. Bishop, J. E. Bishop, W. M. Hawkins.
Indian Creek—W. H. Cheatham, E. L. Harrison, J. G. Rodgers.
Good Hope—J. C. Abbott, R E. Peagler, H. P. Watts.
New Smyrna—J. T. Day, F. M. Peagler, E. S. Perry.
Antioch—C. C. Lloyd, W. P. Bush, N. F. Perry, G. P. Hawkins.

Organization: F. C. Plaster, Moderator; J. C. Fonville, Clerk; C. C. Lloyd, Treasurer.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Received correspondence: W. D. Fonville, from Tuskeegee Association, was received.

Committees to report at present session:

Nominations—J. E. Bishop, J. E. Rhodes.
Documents and State of Religion—W. H. Cheatham, W. M. Hawkins.

Finance—J. M. McIver, R. Peagler, J. W. Holloway.
Auditing—D. S. Hurst.
Time and Place of Meeting—J. W. Holloway, C. A. Gunn.
Ministerial Education—G. S. Anderson, J. C. Fonville.
State Missions—R. Meadows, W. P. Bullock.
Home Missions—J. M. McIver.
Foreign Missions—James Haygood, D. S. Hurst.
Religious Literature—A F. Goldsmith, S. S. Bishop.
Sunday Schools—J. J. Pipkin. T. E. Morgan.
Temperance—R. M. Burt, C. C. Lloyd, J. F. Sims.
Bible Cause—G. W. McQueen, C. C. Lloyd.
Obituaries—J. A. Stringer, J. W. Massey.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. C. Fonville; alternate, F. C. Plaster.

Collected for Hayneville church, $31.50.

Adopted Order of Business.

Bro. Anderson represented Judson Institute.

Adjourned till 9 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M. Devotional exercises by Bro. Burt.

Called the roll.

Voted to permit no collection of money for any purpose till the obligations of the Association are liquidated.

Bro. G. W. McQueen read report of Executive Board of the Association.

After remarks by McQueen, Goldsmith, Anderson, Fonville and Bullock, the report was adopted.

Collected for Evangelist Burt $54.40.

The cash collection of to-morrow to be divided as follows: One-third to the Executive Board of the Association; the other two-thirds to be divided equally between State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education.

Bro. Anderson read report on Missions. Remarks by Anderson and Stringer. The report was laid on the table till after the reading of reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Bro. Anderson read report on Ministerial Education, which was adopted.

Adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION.

1:30 P. M. Bro. McIver presented report on Home Missions, which, after remarks by Bro. Anderson, was adopted.

Adopted amendment to Constitution.

Bro. Meadows read report on State Missions. Discussed by Goldsmith and Anderson, and postponed till Monday morning.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that the report on Sabbath-schools be considered at 10 A. M. Sunday; that Bro. An-

derson preach at 11 A. M. and Bro. Lloyd preach at 2 P. M. and Bro. Morgan at 7 o'clock to-night.

Adjourned till 10 A. M. Sunday.

Bro. Morgan preached at 7 P. M.

SUNDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

10 A. M. Bro. Pipkin read report on Sabbath-schools. Remarks thereon by Burt, Pipkin, McQueen and Goldsmith and postponed till Monday.

Bro. Anderson was sick and Bro. Plaster preached the missionary sermon. Bro. Lloyd preached at 2 P. M.

Cash collection $42.47. The following pledges for missions were received:

R. M. Burt	$ 5 00
M. B. Goldsmith	5 00
J. A. Robertson	5 00
Wm. Hudson	5 00
J. J. Pipkin	2 00
J. M. McIver	2 00
J. H. Staggers	2 00
Total	$26 00

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M. Prayer by Bro. Pipkin.

Adopted report on Sunday-schools.

Resumed consideration of report on State Missions. Remarks were made by McQueen, Burt, Bullock and others. The report was amended and adopted.

Appointed Brethren Burt, W. P. McQueen and R. Peagler a committee on Associational Work.

Bro. Hagood read report on Foreign Missions. Report amended and adopted.

Bro. Burt read report on Associational Work. Report adopted.

Bro. Goldsmith read report on Religious Literature. Report adopted.

Bro. G. W. McQueen read report on Bible Cause. Report amended and adopted.

Bro. Lloyd read report on Temperance. Adopted after speeches by Sims and Plaster.

Resolution by Bro. Goldsmith:

Resolved, That the Executive Board use its discretion in the prosecution of the evangelical work of the Association.

Adopted.

Bro. Bishop's report on Nominations was adopted.

Bro. Cheatham read report on Documents and State of Religion. Report adopted.

The Clerk was directed to correct Finance Report.
The Association to meet next year with Bethel church.
Articles of Faith to be printed in the Minutes.
Executive Board to supplement Minute fund if necessary.
The Clerk to have ten dollars.
Collected for church at Bushnell, Fla., $12.75.
Collected for church at Mountain Hill, $26.95.
Resolution by Bro. Holloway:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and sisters of Hickory Grove church and the citizens of the community, for their cordial hospitality.

Adopted by a rising vote.
Committees to report next year:

Missions—A. F. Goldsmith, C. A. Gunn, J. W. Holloway.
Sunday Schools—T. E. Morgan, J. G. Thomas, Wm. Hawkins.
Education—J. J. Pipkin, J. M. McIver, J. E. Rhodes.
Temperance—R. M. Burt, S. A. Satterwhite, J. T. Day.
Ministerial Education—G. W. McQueen, R. Meadows, W. P. Bullock.
Religious Literature—G. S. Anderson, J. C. Fonville, J. F. Sims.
Indigent Ministers—W. C. Avant, J. Kierce, M. W. Rushton.

Resolution by Bro. Plaster:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of Dr. M. B. Wharton, Rev. J. L. Thompson and others in denouncing the evils attendant upon and encouraged by the management of fairs, expositions, etc.

Collected for Home Missions, $5.77.
Collected for Foreign Missions, $8.77.
Prayer by Bro. Burt. Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds."
The parting hand was given; benediction by the Moderator and adjourned.

F. C. PLASTER, Moderator.
J. C. Fonville, Clerk.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg leave to report that soon after adjournment of the association last year we held a meeting, and entered into contract with Bro. R. M. Burt to do the work of an evangelist in our bounds, for his whole time, according to express instruction of the association, at a certain price. At the next meeting of the Board, January 15, 1889, we reconsidered the matter of his salary and fixed his pay at $350.

He entered upon the work as soon as possible and has labored faithfully. He reports that he has traveled 1,672 miles; preached 117 sermons; held 43 prayer-meetings; made 20 Sunday-school speeches; has assisted in organization and re-organization of several Sunday-schools; 28 visits to sick persons: 66 visits to the churches; 174 religious visits. He has assisted in the ordination of 1 deacon and in the organization of the church at Luverne; has secured the donation of a lot for that church and assisted in 8 protracted meetings.

He believes the churches where he has bestowed most labor are in better spiritual condition than formerly. He has received $81.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. McQueen, Ch'n.

(Before leaving the associaiion the evangelist was paid in full.—Clerk.)

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Received in money the following subscriptions:

David Norman		$ 5 00
J. A. Robertson		5 00
G. S. Anderson		5 00
Wm. Bullock		5 00
G. W. McQueen		10 00
Good Hope church		2 25
Indian Creek church		3 70
R. M. Burt		5 00
Mountain Hill church		2 50
Union church		5 00
Hickory Grove church		1 70
A. F. Goldsmith		2 00
Cash collection		10 65
Collection		1 50
Total		$64 30
Paid J. J. Pipkin	$21 50	
Paid J. F. Sims	19 25	
Paid Prof. J. P. Downer	20 65	
Total	$61 40	—$61 40
In treasury		$ 2 90

Brethren J. J. Pipkin and J. F. Sims have been in Bethel Academy a part of the last session and have made encouraging progress in their studies in preparation for the Christian ministry.

As a plan for future operations, the establishment of a Board of Ministerial Education in connection with the general Board of Ministerial Education to be associated with Bethel Academy to labor in the preparation of young men for the ministry is recommended. Bro. J. F. Sims will be in Bethel Academy during the present term and it is recommended that $100 be raised for his support during the present term.

Respectfully submitted, G. S. ANDERSON, Ch'n.

Adopted.

The following pledges were made for the education of Bro. Sims.

G. W. McQueen	$ 5 00	J. E. Rhodes	paid. $ 2 50
W. P. Bullock	1 00	J. A. Robertson	2 50
Wm. Grant	2 00	M. T. Williams	2 50
G. S Anderson	5 00	R. M. Burt	2 50
T. E. Morgan	2 50	D. S. Hurst	paid 2 00
J. G. Staggers	2 00	J. B. Taylor	1 00
J. W. Massey	2 00	J. P. Cross	1 00
R. Meadows	2 50	S. A. Satterwhite	2 00
E. L. Harrison	1 00	F. M. Peagler	2 00
Joseph Kierce	paid 1 00	Sister Sarah Dickson	2 00
Sister R. M. Burt	1 00	Sister G. W. McQueen	2 00
Sister R. Johnson	1 00		
Total			$48 00

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are happy to report the State Board now in a prosperous condition, under the efficient leadership of Rev. W. B. Crumpton as Corresponding Secretary. Its receipts during the past conventional year are as follows:

State Missions	$ 7,511 27	
Home Missions	2,408 45	
Foreign Missions	3,300 42	
Indigent Ministers	187 98	
Ministerial Education	353 18	
Church Building	50 60	
Church Building Board	7 00	
Bible Work, American Baptist Publication Society	33 34	
Tract Fund	3 75	
Bible and Colportage	106 72	
Per Colportage	1 00	
Judson Building	676 48	
Howard College	49 02	
Total	$14,688 21	
Cash received from sale of Books	2,945 55	—$17,633 76

No. of Missionaries employed, 76; number now at work, 52.

Many prominent places in the State are being occupied and many waste places are receiving the gospel through this agency.

One hundred and fifty dollars is the amount appropriated within the bounds of our association, and we note a gratifying progress of the cause of the Master at Hayneville and Lowndesboro, and also at Ash Creek church, at Gordonsville, which is now a member of the Selma Association. Houses of worship have been built at these places and the Lord's people are greatly encouraged thereby. Lowndesboro now reports herself self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Meadows, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows: Examining the reports of the boards we are glad to note that there has been some improvement in this department of the Master's work.

The Home Board is vigorously prosecuting work in Alabama, Arkansas, Cuba, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, Texas, West Virginia and Virginia.

That little giant Diaz is doing a wonderful work in Cuba. Under his guidance the word is being preached, and the spirit of God is sweeping and shaking that whole island, dissipating the gloom of catholicism and opening into the souls of those oppressed people the flood light of the glory of our God.

In Alabama, the work is being carried on by three Missionaries. Our esteemed Bro. Plaster, of Fort Deposit, is laboring to improve the thought and lives of the colored ministry in the State.

While we thank God for the work done in this direction, we are not yet prepared to sit down and wait and rest. This work must be pressed forward. We have now 328 missionaries employed. Now it takes money that this may go on. Are we indifferent to this, then where are our Bibles?

This Board asks this year that the Alabama Association give only $90, an average of about seven and one-half cents to each member. We can do this, and our God will hold us to account for the talents he has given.

We do not near pay him legal interest on the money he has placed in our hands. Alabama is being left behind by many of the States.

Brethren, if we be servants of God, let us arise to the dignity of our election, and do something for Him. Christ worked, suffered, sacrificed, and gave even to his life. Are we more or better than he was?

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McIver, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The churches of Jesus Christ are the only organizations which, being constituted and commissioned to the work of evangelizing the world by Christ himself, have for their object the preaching of the gospel and the salvation of the world. The apostolic churches without preference for the home over the foreign field literally obeyed the commission. Paul went "far hence to the Gentiles." Peter wrote his epistles from Babylon, and John from Ephesus Beginning at Jerusalem, they "went everywhere preaching the word" After their example and in accord with the commission, we have men in modern times, those who have given their lives to the word. Such men were Cary, Judson and Yates.

The missionary outlook in the foreign field is truly encouraging. Our Foreign Mission Board has missions in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. There are in these fields employed in all by our board 112 laborers. There are 80 churches and preaching stations. The number baptized last year was 376. Total membership 1,967. The amount given by our churches last year was $68,814. The sum of $1,548 was collected on the field.

These facts and figures reveal a commendable zeal on the part of our people, but the work constantly enlarging demands more laborers and more money for their support. This call is from the Lord, and we cannot afford to neglect it. This call necessitates increased liberality on the part of our

churches as well as a greater personal consecration to this work by our people generally. Shall the heathen perish without the gospel; be trained in error by others, or shall we give them the gospel in its purity? Let us all do our best. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HAGOOD, Ch'n.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

We, your committee, recommend that the Association continue the evangelical work, also aid Mountain Hill church in building a house of worship.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BURT, Ch'n.

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS FOR 1890.

INDIVIDUALS.

R. M. Burt	$ 5 00	J. E. Bishop	$ 5 00
J. J. Pipkin	5 00	J. F. Sims	5 00
R. P. Means	5 00	Sister Holloway	2 00
Sister Burt	2 00	A. F. Goldsmith	5 00
W. P. Bullock	10 00	Sister Means	1 00
Sister J. G. McQueen	1 00	Sister G. W. McQueen	5 00

CHURCHES.

Siloam	$ 5 00	Damascus	$15 00
Union	10 00	Chapel Hill	5 00
Spring Creek	15 00	Mountain Hill	2 50
Hickory Grove	20 00	Macedonia	10 00
Steep Creek	60 00	Hopewell	15 00
New Bethel	5 00	Good Hope	10 00
Antioch	5 00	E. L. Harrison	5 00
G. Vickery	50		

PLEDGES FOR MOUNTAIN HILL CHURCH.

R. M. Burt	$ 5 00	C. C. Lloyd	$ 5 00
J. F. Sims	1 00	S. A. Satterwhite	5 00
W. P. McQueen	2 00		

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature begs leave to submit the following:

Too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of reading religious literature ourselves and supplying the same to our children.

1. Because the public mind is being crowded and surfeited with flood-tides of secular literature that flow in streams of darkened and dangerous currents from a godless press. The popular public page of the day is crowded with records of crime that leave the slime of its moral pollution behind wherever it goes.

2. Error in the garb of religion, and in the name of Christ, confusing and dangerous, is crowding the mails and seeking admission into every church and household of the land.

3. The earth around is fraught with the inspiration of progress; society is moved by a dashing and heaving and confused whirl of elements hitherto unknown. The agencies that foster the institutions which furnish a basis for our civilization, and out of which American life is being crystalized, whether godly or ungodly in their bearing, are being augmented in number and intensified in their force.

The baser craving of the public mind for the dangerous literature of the day must be forestalled. Error must be met by us upon the threshold of church, home and heart. We must support and encourage our own agencies that supply food for strength, equipments for service, munitions of war for the struggle, and arms, dynamic and keen edged for the battle. At our own peril we fail in the use of the opportunities afforded us.

We cannot too strongly recommend to the patronage of the brethren the ALABAMA BAPTIST of Montgomery, Ala., in its noble and heroic fight for truth against error; also the Home Field and the Kind Words services of

Atlanta, Ga., and the Foreign Mission Journal of Richmond, Va., and for a hymn book, the Baptist Hymnal.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Goldsmith, Ch'n.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is God's revealed will to man. It is the only book that reveals the only true and living God in contradistinction to false gods without mistake and errors. It is the book that gives us knowledge upon all subjects that we need to know. It is the book that every man and woman ought to feel that he hase a special interest in. Especially is this true of the Christian. By it we are guided in the way of true happiness, peace and success, both in this life and that which is to come.

It is the book that never leads astray the honest, earnest, zealous seeker after truth. And yet it is but little understood, because but little read and studied. The Baptist people profess to hold its teaching in higher esteem than all others, and probably one-half of the Baptists in this Association do not own a Bible. There are even deacons of Baptist churches who have no Bible in their houses.

It is a fact that those persons who know most of the teachings of the Bible know most of God, and love him most. They value their own souls and the souls of others most, and have the best hope of the life to come. On the contrary, those who are ignorant of its teachings care but little for God, for their own souls or for others.

These being facts, every lover of the Lord ought to see to it that every Christian at least should be the possessor of a Bible. We would, therefore recommend that a sum of money be raised for the purchase of Bibles to be sold to those who are able to pay and to be given to those who are not able to purchase.

For the information of those who may not know, we will state that the American Baptist Publication Society publishes Bibles of different translations in English, and also in many other languages. They propose to sell them at cheap rates to those who are able to buy, and to give to the destitute. We would recommend that Baptists patronize our own society exclusively.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. McQueen, Ch'n.

AMENDMENT.

The following amendment to the foregoing report was adopted.

We recommend that the Executive Committee of this Association authorize, instruct and enjoin upon their evangelists to procure and carry with them at all times Bibles procured from the American Baptist Publication Society, to sell to those able to buy and to give to those who are destitute.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance report, that while they may include the many wrongs that have been wrought by the excessive use of many things, such as the use of tobacco, too much food and opiates, we might further say we often practice intemperance in the use of language.

But we desire to speak particularly on the history of strong drink. We find by the experience of some, the observation and pen pictures of others, that the true history of strong drink as a beverage is a history of poverty and misery; of tears and woe; of crime and blood; of disease and death.

Strong drink as a beverage is the cruel vandal of ignorance and superstition; the remorseless vulture of social and political corruption; the giant demon of destruction; the merciless fiend of ruin; the heartless vampire of death; and yet this foul monster is fed and nourished by the people of this boasted land of liberty.

Statistics show along this line that people of the United States spend twice as much for liquor as they do for bread; three times as much as they do for clothing; seven times as much for liquor as for boots and shoes; eight times as much as they do for syrup and sugar; ten times as much for liquor as for education; about eight hundred times as much for liquor as for min-

isters salaries, and about twelve hundred times as much as for all missions.

There is no feature in human history or experience in this world more appalling than this. The enemy of God and man has his sway among us. At times a monster of fabulous proportion, then a serpent subtile and sneaking; at all times cunning, remorseless and deadly.

It corrupts legislatures, bribes juries and intimidates courts. It dethrones reason, wrecks manhood and robs industry. It disturbs public peace, makes private safety insecure and violates common justice. It debauches popular conscience and assassinates innocence, and mocks at the groans of the dying. It laughs at widow's sighs, and sports with orphan's tears. . It disregards every social bond, destroys respectability of the sons of men and changes royal manhood into brutal barbarism.

No tie is too tender, no cord too strong to be severed and broken, nor is there any love too sacred to be invaded by this unfeeling tyrant.

With such a foe in our midst, what ought we do?

Your committee suggest that Christian men stop drinking intoxicants as a beverage and Christian women discard every man who drinks. As the moderate drinker often becomes a toper, we further advise that we make unceasing efforts to teach the rising generation to be temperate in all things.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Burt, Ch'n.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, present the following:

To preach the introductory sermon next year—T. E. Morgan; alternate, W. H. Cheatham.

To preach the missionary sermon—W. C. Avant; alternate, G. W. McQueen.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of Alabama—G. W. McQueen, A. F Childers, Goldsmith, Lloyd, Burt, Bullock, Anderson, Morgan, Avant and Stringer; in the absence of these or any of them, any brother from this Association who may choose to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Bishop, Ch'n.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mission.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education at Bethel Academy.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Sunday School Expenses.	Women's Society.	Howard College.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Bethel Academy.	Value of Building and Furniture.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.
1st District—Rutledge	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 1 50	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 1 50	$ 35 00	$.....	$ 500 00	$.....
Siloam	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	35 00	.....	50 00	.....
Damascus	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	15 00	.....	.....	.....	17 75	50 00	.....	200 00	.....
Union	1 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 15	15 00	.....	.....	.....	31 15	100 00	.....	100 00	.....
Chapel Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	10 00	.....	.....	.....	11 60	30 00	.....	200 00	.....
2d District—Spring Creek	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Mountain Hill	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 10	5 00	.....	.....	.....	7 10	25 00	.....	25 00	.....
Hickory Grove	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 50	25 00	.....	.....	.....	34 50	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	5 00	75	5 00	.....	.....	.....	10 75	25 00	.....	200 00	.....
New Ebenezer	.....	.....	.....	1 25	1 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	7 75	30 00	.....	200 00	.....
3d District—Steep Creek	5 00	5 00	.....	3 50	2 00	69 00	.....	.....	.....	84 50	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Lowndesboro	3 00	3 75	2 00	1 50	1 00	.....	19 43	.....	.....	30 68	150 00	.....	800 00	.....
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	5 00	1 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	21 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hayneville	2 50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	150 00	.....	500 00	.....
New Bethel	50	80	85	.....	50	7 50	.....	.....	.....	10 10	75 00	.....	200 00	.....
4th District—Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75	55 00	36 45	87 45	163 00	94 30	500 00	1000 00	2500 00	1250 00
Indian Creek	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 50	15 00	.....	.....	.....	17 50	.....	.....	200 00	.....
Good Hope	3 50	.....	.....	.....	70	10 00	.....	.....	.....	14 20	30 00	.....	100 00	.....
New Smyrna	.....	3 20	.....	.....	1 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	14 20	25 00	.....	25 00	.....
Antioch	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	11 50	25 00	.....	50 00	.....
Collections during session	5 77	8 77	.....	.....	.....	59 40	.....	.....	.....	73 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$22 27	$25 52	$ 4 85	$33 25	$29 80	$ 355 90	$55 88	$87 45	$ 163 00	$ 526 13	$1285 00	$1000 00	$7350 00	$1250 00

All moneys, vouchers, cash, and all that passes through the churches from one association to another should be reported in the letters so that they might be summed in this report, thereby giving the denomination a correct record of the work being done in the Association. Nhis is the only means they have for acquiring this valuable information. This report does not furnish accurate information, for the churches have not done themselves justice leaving out nearly all the vouchers. Your committee earnestly recommend that the churches make their reports in full.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. McIver, Chairman.

Collections at Association.—Additional for different purposes, $100.82.

Total, for all purposes, $12,288.88.

STATISTICS OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1889.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICES.	Membership last Reported.	Increased by			Decreased by			Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer-Meetings.	Reports Revival.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.					
1st District—Rutledge	Crenshaw	W. C. Avant.	W. Swarner.	Rutledge.	26	1	6	..	1	..	..	..	32	6	78	1st	..	..
Siloam	"	J. E. Kolb.	E. Kolb.	"	80	..	..	3	12	3	..	..	68	..	45	3d	..	..
Damascus	Butler	T. E. Morgan	S. F. Andress	Greenville	92	..	5	1	4	1	..	1	84	2	27	3d	..	..
Union	Crenshaw	W. C. Avant	J. W. Holloway	Honoraville	69	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	72	..	50	4th	regular	1
Chapel Hill	"	T. E. Morgan	W. H. Rodgers	Cook's Stand	32	3	13	..	2	3	..	..	43	6	30	1st	"	1
2d District—Spring Creek	"	G. W. McQueen	A. J. McDaniel	Runville	76	1	..	..	8	6	..	..	56	..	..	2d	..	..
Mountain Hill	"	C. C. Lloyd	R. T. Poole	Mt. Carmel	15	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	3d	..	..
Hickory Grove	Montgomery	G. W. McQueen	J. C. Fonville	"	27	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	23	..	..	3d	..	..
Macedonia	Lowndes	J. J. Pipkin.	F. E. May.	Sandy Ridge	20	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	4th	..	1
New Ebenezer	Crenshaw	C. C. Lloyd	G. R Vickery	Coleman	39	3	1	..	1	2	..	..	28	..	..	2d	..	1
3d District—Steep Creek	Lowndes	G. W. McQueen	J. M. Dickinson	Morganville	60	2	..	..	3	1	..	1	54	4	27	1st	..	.
Lowndesboro	"	G. S. Anderson	F. Gordon	Lowndesboro	10	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	14	4	25	1st	regular	..
Hopewell	"	G. W. McQueen	J. M. Lee	Mt. Willing.	132	..	..	..	6	1	31	1	98	..	..	4th	..	..
Hayneville	"	G. S. Anderson	T. C. Williams.	Hayneville	23	..	2	..	3	.	—	1	21	..	..	3d	..	.
New Bethel	"	J. F. Bruner	J. R. Strickland	Bragg's	45	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	45	3	20	..	regular	..
4th District—Bethel	"	G. S. Anderson	J. M. McIver	Fort Deposit	234	12	7	1	22	1	..	1	230	12	75	2d & 4th	"	1
Indian Creek	Butler	R. M. Burt	J. G. Rodgers	Greenville	72	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	78	..	..	4th	..	..
Good Hope	"	J. J. Pipkin	J. C. Abbott.	"	31	9	1	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	2d	..	..
New Smyrna	Lowndes	J. J. Pipkin	R. T. Porterfield	Calhoun	56	..	3	.	8	3	..	1	47	..	..	1st	..	1
Antioch	Butler	J. J. Pipkin	G. P. Hawkins	Greenville	47	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	3d	..	..
Totals					1186	46	57	6	76	22	31	7	1143	37	377	..	..	..

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee finds from examination of the church letters that there has been an increase of only forty-eight in the membership of the churches.

We find fifteen Sunday-schools reported, which is an increase of 100 per cent.

We find the state of religion good.

We find that Union church has ordained to the deaconship Bro. J. W. Massey.

We recommend that the evangelits in the districts be continued to "work up" the Sabbath-school interest.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CHEATHAM, Ch'n.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. C. Lloyd, Treasurer, in account with Alabama Baptist Association:

Oct. 15, 1888	To amount Received of Finance Committee	$308 92
	Cr. by amount paid A. F. Childers for Evangelist (voucher 1)	$277 35
	" amount paid F. C. Plaster, Home, State and Foreign Missions (voucher 2)	20 95
	" amount paid F. C. Plaster, ministerial education (voucher 3)	10 62
	Total	$308 92

Examined and found correct. D. S HURST, Ch'n.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH OF ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. Of the Scriptures.—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction [a]; that it has God for its author [b], salvation for its end [c], and truth without any mixture of error for its matter [d]; that it reveals principles by which God will judge us [e]; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union [f], and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried [g].

(a) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works—2 Tim. 3-16-17. (b) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost—2 Peter 1-21. (c) These things are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name—John 20 31. (d) For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth—Psalm 33-4 (e) God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel—Rom. 2 10. And the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works—Rev. 22-12. (f) Though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed—Gal. 1-9. (g) If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed—Gal. 1-10.

Art 2 Of the True God.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God [a], whose name is Jehovah [b], the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth [c], inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love [d], revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection [e], and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption [f].

(a) God in one—Gal. 3.20. (b) That men may know that thou, whose name is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth—Psalm 83-18. (c) For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible—Col. 1-16. (d) Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders—Ex. 15-11. (e) For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one—1 John 5-7. For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily—Col. 2 9. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God—Phil. 2-6. (f) God sent his Son into the world, that the world through him might be saved—Jonn 3-17. Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures—Cor. 15-3. And was raised again for our justification—Rom. 4-25. He ever liveth to make intercession for them—Heb. 7-25. It is the Spirit that quickeneth—John 6 63.

Art. 3. Of the Fall of Man.—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker [a,] but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice [b], being by nature utterly void of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful passions [c], and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence and excuse [d].

(a) So God created man in his own image—Gen. 1-27. God made man upright—Ec. 7-29. (b) In Adam all die—1 Cor. 15-22. There is not righteous, no, not one—Rom. 3-10. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do—John 8-44 (c) He that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God—John 3 18. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction—2 Thes. 1-8. (d) And he was speechless—Mat. 22-12. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse—Rom. 1-20.

Art. 4. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace [a], through the mediatorial office of the Son of God [b], who took on him our nature, yet without sin [c]; honored the law by his per-

sonal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death [d]; being risen from the dead he is now enthroned in Heaven [e]; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Saviour [f].

(a) For by grace ye are saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God—Eph. 2-8. (b) For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 2-5. (c) For as much as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also took part of the same—Heb. 2-14 And in him is no sin—1 John 3-5. (d) The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness sake; he will magnify the law and make it honorable—Isa. 42-21. We were reconciled to God by the death of his Son—Rom. 5-10. (e) But we see Jesus—crowned with glory and honor—Heb. 2-9. (f) For we have a High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities—Heb. 4-15. For in him dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead—Col. 2-9.

Art. 5. Of Justification.—That the great gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification [a]; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness [b]; that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness [c]; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity [d].

(a) Therefore being justiged by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ—Rom. 5-1. (b) Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins—Acts 10.30. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life—John 3-36. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God—Rom. 3-25. (c) Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost—Titus 3 5. (d) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things—Rom. 8 32.

Art 6. Of the Freeness of Salvation —That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel [a]; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith [b], and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ [c]; which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation [d].

(a) Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else—Isa. 45-22. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely—Rev. 22-17. (b) Now he commandeth all men everywhere to repent—Acts 17-30 (c) Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life—John 5 40. (d) It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee—Mat. 11-24.

Art. 7. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again [a]; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel [b]; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God [c].

(a) Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God—John 3:3. (b) And be renewed in the spirit of our mind. And that ye put on the new man, which, after God is created in righteousness and true holiness —Eph. 4:23-24 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit—John 3:3. Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God—1 John 4:7. If a man love me, he will keep my words—John 14:23 (c) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them—Eph. 2:10. We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not—1 John 5:18.

ART. 8. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners [a]; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end [b]; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy [c]; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree [d]: that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the Gospel [e]; is the foundation of Christian assurance [f]; and that, to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence [g].

(a) God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth—2 Thes. 2:13. (b) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory—2 Tim. 2:10. (c) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love—Eph. 1:4. (d) And they that are with him are called, and chosen and faithful—Rev. 17:14. (e) Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?—Rom. 8:33-34. (f) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure.—2 Peter 1:10.

ART. 9. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.—That such only are real believers as endure unto the end [a]; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors [b]; that a special providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation [c]

(a) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil—1 John 3:9-10. (b) They went out from us, but they were not of us—2 John 2:19. (c) God is faithful who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it—1 Cor. 10:13 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time—1 Peter 1:5.

ART. 10. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government [a]; that it is holy, just and good [b]; that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, through a Mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church [c].

(a) Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one title shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled—Mat. 5:18. (b) Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good—Rom. 6:12 (c) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit—Rom. 8:4. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid; yea, we establish the law—Rom. 3:31.

ART. 11. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ [a]; governed by His laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word [b]; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus [c].

(a) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints—Rom. 1:7. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death—Rom. 6:4. Paul, an apostle unto the churches of Galatia —Gal. 1:1-2 For ye are the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Jesus Christ, have put on Christ —Gal. 3:26 27. (b) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord—1 Cor. 13:4-5. (c) A bishop then must be blameless—1 Tim. 3:1-7. Likewise must the deacons be grave—1 Tim. 3:8-9-10; see also Titus 1:7-8-9. Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in

word and doctrine; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses—1 Tim 5:17-18 19

ART. 12 OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER —That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit [a]; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified and risen Savior; with its purifying power [b]; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, [c]; in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination [d].

(a) See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said: If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest; and he said: I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him—Acts 8:36-37 38. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost—Mat. 28:19. (b) Buried with him, in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead—Col. 2:12 (c) Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God—John 3:5. Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples—Mat. 26:26 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread—Acts 20:7. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come—1 Cor. 11:26. (d) But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup—verse 28.

ART 13. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH —That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath [a]; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations [b]; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public [c]; and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God [d].

(a) I was in the spirit on the Lord's day—Rev. 1:10. (b) Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—Ex. 20:8. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it—verse 11. (c) Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came to break bread. Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow—Acts 20:7. (d) There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God—Heb. 4:9. Let us labor, therefore, to enter into that rest—verse 11.

ART. 14. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society [a]; and that magistrates are to be prayed for [b]; conscientiously honored and obeyed [c]; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ [d], who is the only Lord of the conscience, and prince of the kings of the earth [e].

(a) For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God—Rom. 13:1. For he is the minister of God to thee for good—verse 4. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil—verse 3. (b) I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving thanks, be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority—1 Tim. 1:1-2. (c) Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake—Rom. 13:5. (d) We ought to obey God rather than men—Acts 5:29. (e) Christ is the blessed and only potentate, the king of kings, the Lord of lords—1 Tim. 6:15.

ART. 15 OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED —That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked [a]; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of God, are truly righteous in his esteem [b], while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked, and under the curse [c]; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death [d].

(a) He that is not with me is against me—Luke 11:23. Now, if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his—Rom. 8:9. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth

not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother—1 John 3:10. (b) To declare, I say, at this time, his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus—Rom. 3:26. But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God—1 Cor. 6:11. (c) Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish—Luke 13:3. He that believeth not is condemned already—John 3:18. (d) He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still—Rev 22:11.

Art. 16. Of the World to Come.—That the end of this world is approaching [a]; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution [b]; that a solemn separation will then take place [c]; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy [d]; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness [e].

(a) But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer—1 Peter 4:7. (b) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first—1 Thes 4:16. All that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation—John 5:28-29. (c) And before him shall be gathered together all nations; and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth the sheep from the goats—Mat 25:32. (d) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal—Mat. 25:32. (e) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death—Rev. 20:13-14. Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?—Gen. 18:25.

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